

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Neil A.A. Simpson

Serial No.: 10/616,061

Confirmation No.: 9534

Filed:

July 9, 2003

For:

EXPANSION METHOD

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner:

Customer No.: 36735

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 3 , 2003.

Jason C. Huang Typed Name

Signature

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Applicants, and the Attorney who signs below on the basis of the information supplied by the inventor and the information in his file, submit herewith patents, publications, or other information of which they are aware, which may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

While the information submitted in this Information Disclosure Statement may be material pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication, or other information referred to therein is prior art for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97, this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other possibly material information as defined under 37 CFR § 1.56(a) exists.

The patents and/or publications submitted herewith are set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449.

If the sum of \$180.00 is due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) pursuant to § 1.97, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee, and any other fee necessary to make this submission timely, to the Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0092/WBP.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason C. Huang

Registration No. 46,222

MOSER, PATTERSON & SHERIDAN, L.L.P.

3040 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1500

Houston, TX 77056

Telephone: (713) 623-4844 Facsimile: (713) 623-4846 Attorney for Applicant(s)

Sheet 1 of __ sheet(s) Serial No. U.S. Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office Docket No. (PTO Form 1449 modified) MRKS/0092 10/616,061 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Confirmation No.: **Applicant** 9534 Neil A.A. Simpson (Use several sheets if necessary) Filing Date Group Examiner July 9, 2003 Unknown **U.S. Patent Documents Document** Applicant(s) Class Subclass Filing Date If *Examiner Issue Number Name Appropriate Initial Date Metcalfe et al. 166 387 6,425,444 B1 07/30/2002 **A1 A2** 10/01/2002 Simpson 166 380 6,457,532 B1 **A3** 2002/0108756 A1 08/15/2002 Harrall et al. 166 382 **A4 A5 A6 A7 8A A9** A10 A11 A12 A13 For ign Patent Documents *Examiner Document Date Country Class Subclass **Translation** Initial Number YES NO B₁ 2,345,308 05/07/2000 Great Britain E21B 43/10 冈 **B2** WO 99/35368 07/15/1999 **WIPO** E21B 43/10 \boxtimes **B3** WO 02/29199 04/11/2002 **WIPO** 冈 E21B 19/16 **OTHER ART** *Examiner Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc. Initial C₁ Int'l Search Report, GB 0215918.4, 10/16/2002. C₂ C3 Examiner **Date Considered** *EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with your communication to applicant.